

Neurology '85-'86 EDWARD CUMPSTON, '33, Feb. 24, '21
died at Lynchburg, Va., in 1885. He was a Clergyman

From 8th Cat. of Yale Div. School.

✓ *EDWARD HENRY CUMPSTON (S 36-37) b. Auburn, N. Y., May 1, 13; B.A. Union Coll. 33, M.A.; Auburn T. S. 34-36, 37-38; ord. (Waterbury, Conn.) May 22, 38; Nantucket, Mass., (min.) 38; Village Ch., New York City (do.) 38-40; Northampton Co., Va. (home miss'y) 40-41; 2nd Presb. Ch., Lynchburg, Va. (min.) 41-47; Planter, Va. (do.) 47-48; Douglas Ch., Prince Edward, Va. (do.) 48-57; McKemie and Homes, Va. (do.) 57-59; Rockville and Bethesda, Md. (do.) 59-74; Hancock, Md., and Berkeley Springs, W. Va. (do.) 74-80; Hancock, Md. (do.) 80-81; Lynchburg, Va., supplying Vienna and Lavinsville (res.) 81-85; d. there Jan. 1, 85.

✓ EDWARD HENRY CUMPSTON, b. Auburn, N. Y., May 1, 1813; Union ~~Col. 1833~~; Aub. 1834-6; Yale Div. Sch. 1837; p. g., Aub. 1837-8; m. Caroline Smelt Skinner, New York City, Oct. 9, 1837; m. Mary Mitchell James, Lynchburg, Va., June 27, 1844; ord., Waterbury, Conn., West Dist. Assoc. of N. Haven, May 22, 1838; Nantucket, L. I., 1838; Village Ch., New York City, 1838-40; h. m. Northampton Co., Va., 6 mos., 1840-1; Lynchburg, 1841-7; Planter, 1847-8; Douglass Ch., Prince Edward, Va., 1848-57; McKemie Ch., and Homes Ch., 1857-9; Rockville and Bethesda Ch., Md., 1859-74; Hancock Ch., and Berkeley Springs Ch., 1874-80; Hancock Ch., 1880-1; res. Alexandria, Va., supplying Vienna and Lavinsville Chs., 1881; d. Jan. 1, 1885. *Auburn Med. Sem. Cat.*

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Edward H. Cumpston

Non-graduate Hamilton College, 1833

Hamilton College Alumni Register, 1812-1922.

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Prince Edward C. H. Pa
August 24, 1855

To E. A. Cumpston

of the Class that graduated at Union College, in the year 1833

(or, if deceased, to the friend or relative who knew him best :)

Aug 27, 1855

SIR,—

It is the aim of the subscriber, in collecting the information asked for by the following questions, to obtain materials for a concise Biographical Catalogue of the Trustees, Presidents, Professors and Tutors of Union College ;—of those who have received Honorary Degrees from it, and of all who have ever entered that Institution, whether Graduates or not.

That such a work would be interesting and useful to the Alumni, will not be denied ; but whether it be practicable, will depend chiefly upon the ready aid which they shall impart. This circular will be sent to every Graduate whose residence is known, (or, if deceased, to some near connection,) and it is confidently expected that no one will neglect to return it in due time, with as full information as circumstances will allow :—some of the questions, indeed, it may not be possible to answer with certainty ; others not at all : still, it is hoped that no important facts will be withheld because of their fewness.

Death has removed the twenty-four original Trustees, the first three Presidents, the early Professors and Tutors, and from eight hundred to one thousand of the Alumni of the College. Doubtless their friends and descendants will cheerfully contribute such information as may be necessary to illustrate the lives and services of the departed.

The subscriber desires every aid that may help to throw light upon the personal history of those concerned :—Obituary Notices ; Biographical Sketches, Epitaphs, Funeral Sermons, Newspaper Notices of election to important offices or stations, Business Cards and Advertisements ; also, copies of their Literary Works, Addresses, Sermons, Essays, Newspapers, engraved Portraits, &c. ; all of which will be deposited and preserved in an Alcove of the College Library, to be set apart for " Graduates' Works."

He also requests that all future changes affecting the answers which shall be given, be made known to him from time to time :—especially the deaths of Graduates, and that the usual obituary notices or funeral sermons published on such occasions, be sent with the announcements, as it is his purpose to publish these deaths hereafter once a year.

JONATHAN PEARSON, *Librarian.*UNION COLLEGE,
SCHENECTADY, N. Y. }

SPECIMENS OF BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES FOR THE PROPOSED CATALOGUE.

John Glidden Brown was born in Quinnebeck, N. Y., May 2, 1800 ; parents, James and Elizabeth (Glidden) Brown, who moved to Epsom, N. Y., in 1806. He was prepared for College at Helderbergh High School, under the instruction of Rev. Moses Johnson, and entered Union College Jan. 1817. He studied law with Hon. Septimus H. Smith, of Great Falls ; was admitted to the bar in 1821 ; and commenced the practice of law in Albany, with James S. Van Hoesen, Esq. In 1830 he moved to New-York City, which, thereafter, became his residence. He was Member of N. Y. Assembly 1832-5 ; State Senator 1836-8 ; Member of Congress 1839-41 ; and Judge of the Superior Court 1842-6. He died June 30, 1849, of cholera, aged 49 years. Besides occasional speeches, orations and opinions, he wrote a work on constitutional law, and edited the N. Y. State Papers. He received the Degree of L. L. D. from Hamilton College in 1846.

Joseph Henshaw Luther was born in Hanover, Mass., June 1, 1798 ; parents, Joseph and Madeline (Henshaw) Luther ; prepared for College at Yorkville Academy, John Almy, Esq., Principal ; and entered Union College Sept. 1814. He taught, 1818-20, in East Philadelphia, (Penn.) High School ; graduated at Princeton Theological Seminary in 1823 ; and was ordained Sept. 25, 1823, at Marbletown, N. Y. ; and was Pastor of the Presbyterian Church till 1825. He was Pastor of the 1st Congregational Church of Haselton, Conn., 1825-30 ; Professor of Rhetoric in Erie College 1831-40 ; retired on account of ill health, and now resides in Philadelphia, Pa. He has published six sermons on various occasions ; a series of lectures on Rhetoric and Belles Lettres, and the " Communicant's Companion." He received the Degree of D. D. from the Hudson University in 1842.

Thomas Pennington Radway was born Feb. 23, 1778, in Benton, N. Y. ; parents, John Harmony and Mary (Pennington) Radway ; was prepared for College at High Holme School, Rev. Hanover Kelton, Principal ; entered Union College Sept. 1795 ; taught a few months in Suncook, Mass., in 1799 ; studied medicine with Dr. Jonas Physic and Dr. Abram Potecar, of Camerville ; attended medical lectures at the College of Surgeons and Physicians, and was admitted to, and commenced the practice of medicine in La Rhine, in 1806. He was Surgeon in the Army 1813-15, and returned to practice at Oldbury in 1815, where he has since resided. He lectured in the Fairhaven Medical School on Anatomy and Physiology, 1830-5, and has published several articles in the New-York Medical Review, and two larger works on the " Functions of the Brain," and on " Gunshot Wounds."

- N. B. 1. Let the answers to the following questions be as full and *authentic* as possible ; but when doubtful let them be marked thus (?).
2. When the person is deceased let some near relative or friend fill out the blanks to the best of his knowledge ; if he have but *one fact*, let that be sent.
3. Let as much time be taken as may be found necessary for this purpose, and no more.
4. In case this sheet be not sufficient to contain all the facts to be sent, add another of the *same size*, if possible, leaving an inner margin of not less than one inch for binding.
5. In cases where no answers to this circular shall be returned, the editor will be obliged to publish such names without any biographical notices, or to rely upon information, gathered from other sources, and, therefore, not always *authentic*.

INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR THE FOREGOING SKETCHES.

I. Name.

Edward Henry Cumpston

[Let this be written plainly and the middle names in full.]

II. Names of both Parents; thus:—

[John and Elizabeth (Smith) Johnson.]

John Henry and Sarah (Grandin) Cumpston

III. Birth Place.

Auburn New York

Birth Day and Year. *May 1st 1813*

IV. Various residences and dates; thus:—

[Pittsfield, Mass., 1814-24; Albany, N. Y., 1824-30; New-York City, 1830-54.]

Auburn N.Y. 1824-1838 - Nantucket Mass 1838 New York City 1839-1840 Lynchburg Virginia 1841-1847 Bedford Pa 1848 Princeton - Edward C.H. Pa 1849-1855

V. At what Academy or Academies prepared for College, with Principals and dates; thus:—

[Albany Academy, Benjamin Allen, L. L. D., 1815-17.]

Albany New York - Salmon Strong prin. 1824-1827. Skeneateles N.Y. Salmon Strong Prin. 1828. Polytechnic School Chittenango N.Y. In Gates Prin 1828-1829

VI. At what College he graduated, and when.

Union College 1833 graduated

VII. The occupation he followed after leaving college before studying his profession; thus:—

[Teaching, Washington, D. C., 1847-48, or Merchant's Clerk, New-York City, 1849-51.]

Medicine 1833-1834 Study of Law &

VIII. The profession he studied; where; with whom; when; thus:—

[Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary, 1822-5 or Law in Albany, N. Y., with Hon. Harmanus Bleecker, 1840-2.]

Theology at Auburn The Seminary 1834-1835 at New Haven Conn 1836-1837

IX. Where he has practised his profession, with dates; and in case he be a clergyman, mention the denomination to which he belongs; thus:—

[Epis., Somerville, N. J., 1827-30; Pres., Albany, N. Y., 1830-5; New-York City, 1835-54.]

Poughkeepsie - Nantucket Mass 1838 New York City 1839-1840. Lynchburg Pa 1841-1847. Minnimaug at large 1848 Bedford Pa 1849-1855

X. The other occupations he has followed; when and where; thus:—

[Merchant, Rochester, N. Y., 1829-35; or Farmer, Genesee, N. Y., 1835-54; or Manufacturer, Schoharie, N. Y., 1841-48; or Professor, teacher, banker, editor, &c.]

Farmer Bedford Pa - 1847-1848 during season of indisposition Fulfilling Pastoral Charge.

XI. The important offices he has held, with dates; thus:—

[Surrogate of Jefferson Co., N. Y., 1839-41 and 1845-7; Member of Congress, 21st district, N. Y., 1841-43; Member of Assembly, of N. Y., 1831-4, &c., &c.]

XII. The Literary or Scientific Works he has written or edited.

[Copies are solicited for the "Graduates Alcove" in College Library.]

XIII. The names of his relatives who graduated at Union College.

XIV. The literary, professional, or honorary titles he received; from whence, with dates; thus:—

[M. D., from Albany Medical College 1845; or L.L. D., Amherst College, 1850, &c.]

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XV. Is there an engraved portrait of him?

[One or two copies, together with his autograph, are solicited for College Library.]

XVI. The date, circumstances, and place of his death.

[Send any printed notice, biographical sketch, funeral sermon, &c. In many instances more space will be required to answer this and the three following questions, in which case add an additional sheet.]

XVII. General information respecting character, services, success, interesting passages and events in his life, &c.

It has been my privilege in all my Pastoral Charges to see my Churches much increased in numbers & strength. The time when I was longest at least doubled. A revival commencing in my present Charge this Spring resulted in the conversion of some 50 persons one half of whom or nearly so were students of College - In 1840 (impaired health having laid me aside from my pastoral charge in New York City) Mrs Cumpston & myself (the first Mrs C a daughter of Rev J. H. Skinner D.D. now of Union Theological Sem. N.Y.) were appointed Missionaries to Palestine by the A.B.C.F.M. Resigned in 1841 in consequence of Mrs C's ill health & she died in 1842.

XVIII. Some account of his pedigree and family; its original seat in this or the old country, &c., &c.

My Paternal Grandfather was Major Edward Cumpston originally of Britain Mass. His father from North of England. His principal residence was Superior Lakeview Co. N.Y. where he settled soon after the close of the Revolution. He entered the Continental Army as Ensign & was promoted & served to a Captaincy & ranked as Major, being in a time of Lafayette. His name is honorably mentioned in the archives at Washington. My Father was Captain in the War of 1812-1814 but did not see much service. My Maternal Grandfather settled in Newburyport Mass. as the records of the County show - the first Grandin taking up land tract of land. The family name recently was on the list of the House of Deputies in France.

XIX. List of such graduates as may not be widely known; their residences, professions, dates of deaths, &c.; the name and residence, also, of some near friend of the deceased, that further information may be sought for; thus: -

[John Orton Smith, Banker, Chicopee, Mass., died 1848. His brother, Joseph H. Smith, resides in Springfield, Mass.]

If my dear Sir I have met your wishes I shall be gratified - If anything else I can do to promote your object you may be free to call on me. I should have sooner replied had I not at first mistaken the purpose of the Circular, supposing it had reference only to deceased graduates of old Union. I wish you all success, & rejoice in the bright prospects before my beloved Alma Mater

Yours truly
Edward H. Cumpston

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